

SMALL LOST TIMBER SALE

August 18, 2008 Land Board

This project is the third of four timber sales proposed under the Three Creeks EIS.

Location of Sale:

- Swan Unit (NWLO) – Approximately 7 air miles south of Swan Lake, Montana
- Lake County – Section 4 T24N, R17W
- 100% Common School Trust.

Sale Volume & Estimated Value:

- The estimated volume is 1,384 tons (258 MBF) with an estimated minimum value of \$30,171.20 or \$21.80/ton.
- In addition to the stumpage value, a fee of \$5.09/ton for Forest Improvement will be charged for all merchantable sawlog timber harvested.
- 5.36 tons/MBF is the estimated conversion factor.

Sale & Harvest Treatments:

- The sale consists of one harvest unit totaling 15 acres. This is a small sale developed under the Three Creeks EIS in order to address local community concerns regarding having some small projects along with the larger Three Creeks Sales.
- Silvicultural prescriptions include:
 - 15 acres of seed tree. Seed tree harvesting would leave 6 – 8 medium to large trees per acre.
- A minimum of 2 large snags and 2 large snag recruits per acre would be retained in each harvest unit.
- Healthy western white pine, ponderosa pine, western larch, and Douglas-fir would be favored for retention throughout the unit.
- This sale treats 15 acres of old growth. Post-harvest, this unit will not meet old growth criteria.
- All regeneration (seed tree) harvest treatments are designed to:
 - address insect and disease issues;
 - promote appropriate species composition and desired future conditions;
 - balance revenue recovery with environmental considerations such as wildlife habitat, watershed health, and soil stability.

Harvest Systems:

- 100% tractor

Road Construction:

- No road construction.

Public Involvement & Issues:

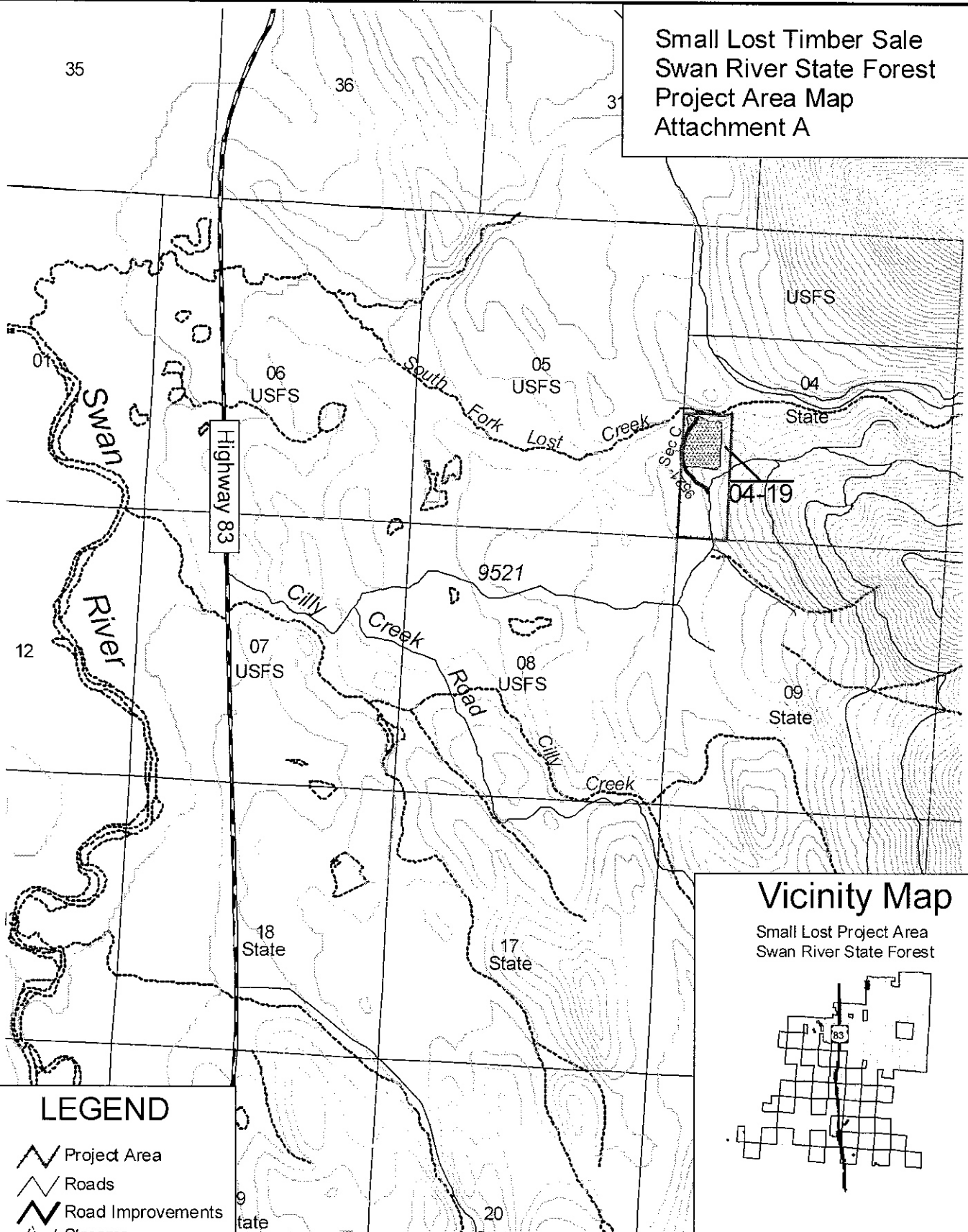
The public involvement process and the associated issues for this sale have been addressed in the Three Creeks FEIS and discussed in the previous two Three Creeks timber sale agenda items.

On Thursday, July 31, 2008 a the third public tour in the past 8 months was given. The group toured an area where harvesting is currently taking place on the first phase of the Three Creeks

timber sale project. The tour was designed to show participants ongoing operations, and to give them an opportunity to see whether we were performing work as described in the EIS. Participants included: special interest groups, residents in the surrounding community, industry representatives, sale #1 Purchaser, Land Board Staffers, and DNRC personnel. None of the participants voiced concerns over discrepancies between the EIS and the ongoing operations.

The Director recommends the Land Board direct the Department to sell the Small Lost Timber Sale.

Small Lost Timber Sale
Swan River State Forest
Project Area Map
Attachment A

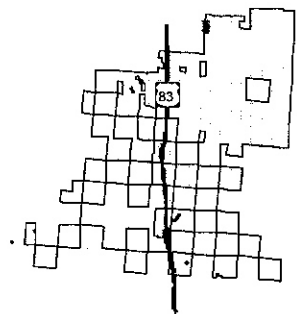


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- Project Area
- Roads
- Road Improvements
- Streams
- State Highway 83
- Harvest unit

Vicinity Map

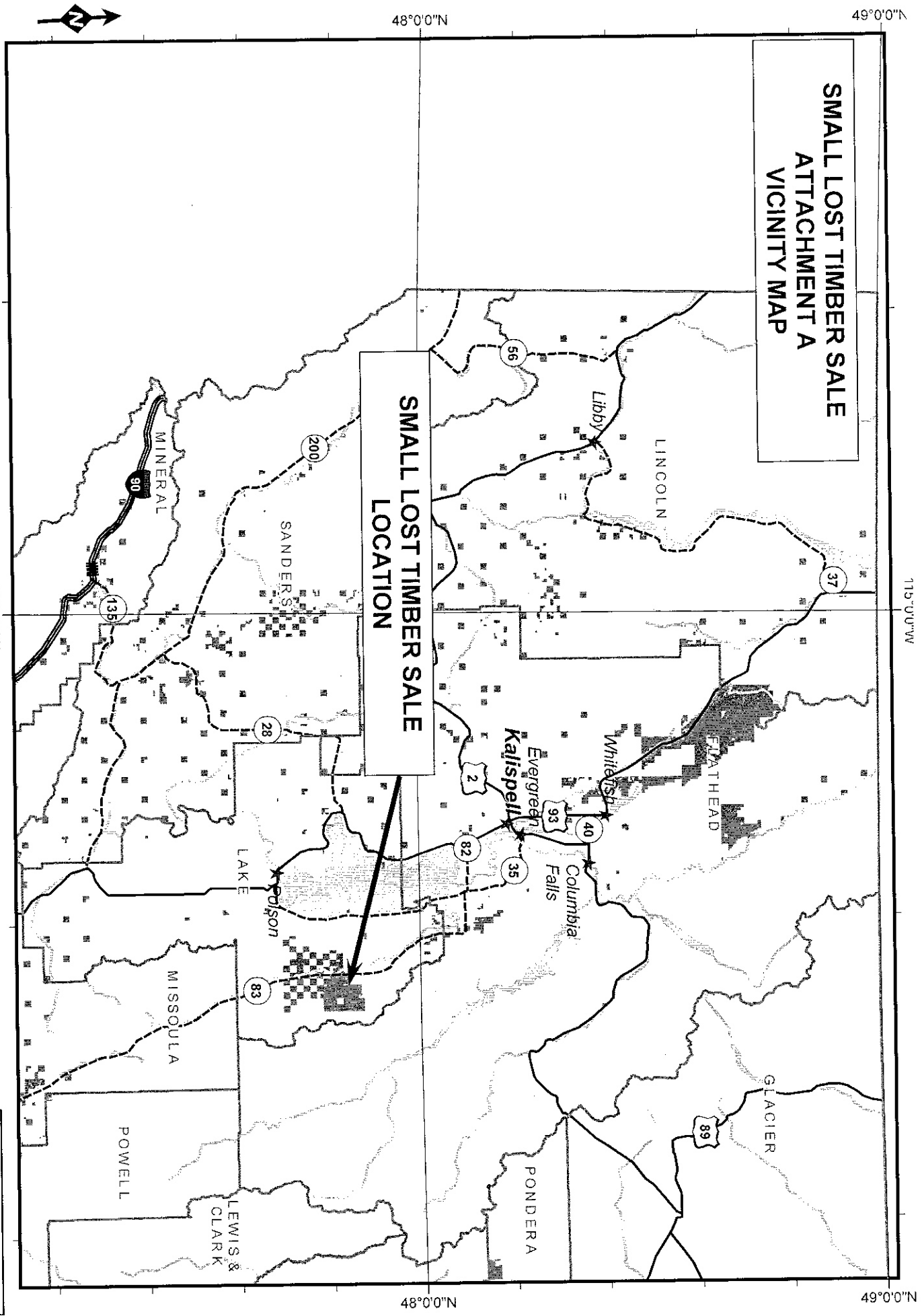
Small Lost Project Area
Swan River State Forest



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SMALL LOST TIMBER SALE ATTACHMENT A VICINITY MAP

SMALL LOST TIMBER SALE
LOCATION



- Interstate Highway
- U.S. Route
- State Highway
- Rivers
- City
- County
- Lakes
- DNRC managed for timber
- DNRC other



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